

Transactions of County Board in February

Reorganization Effected as Two New Members Take Up Duties—Farley is Chairman.

During February the Board was completely reorganized, due to two new members being appointed to fill vacancies. Geo. L. Farley was named chairman. H. C. Backemeyer, vice chairman, and Elmer Hallstrom became the junior member.

A contract was made for leasing the first floor of the building located on the west half of Lot 5, Block 23, by the county, for one year ending January 1, 1939, at \$12.50 a month. This building is owned by John Flynn of Omaha.

Walter Plybon was named Justice of Peace for Stove Creek precinct to fill vacancy, and Frank Keziol was named as Road Overseer, district No. 4, South Field precinct, to succeed Martin Wilson, resigned.

Official bond of Raymond J. Larson as member of Soldiers and Sailors Relief Commission for three-year term ending January 15, 1941, was approved.

Liability on bonds of Commissioners Fred H. Gorder and E. B. Chapman was terminated effective January 3, 1938 and January 19, 1938, respectively.

Order of County Judge renewing Mother's Pension of Gretchen Simmons was approved.

Request of City of Plattsmouth for cancellation of 1938 and 1937 on six pieces of land purchased at tax foreclosure sale by the City but delayed in transfer due to court appeal, was approved and County Clerk directed to cancel said taxes as provided by statute.

Claim bill of the Sattler Funeral Home for \$7.50 for ambulance service taking Ida Cotner to Omaha was rejected.

Balance of time spent in consideration and approval of claim bills, as follows:

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Wildlife Week Calls For United Effort

Waste of Nature's Outdoor Wealth Can Only Be Stopped by Cooperation

When we speak of the earth from which comes every mouthful of food that we eat, we speak of a really thin layer of fertile soil—the topsoil. This topsoil together with water and sunlight are necessary to the green plants that make animal life possible.

"When the topsoil goes, man goes," said Theodore Roosevelt, the first president to warn this country that its wealth of wildlife could not be spent forever, without thought of the future.

There probably isn't anyone with a heart and mind who isn't sickened by the destruction of wildlife. Yet the destruction has continued until many kinds of animals are gone forever, and many parts of the country are unfit for life of any kind.

The reason for this terrible waste of life is not that wicked people have banded together to ruin the country. The reason is thoughtlessness, the cause of so much tragedy in this world.

American was so rich in wildlife that our pioneers simply couldn't imagine the time when there could be any lack of fish and game and forests and marshland. It is hard for us to realize what the wilderness was like, in its abundance of living creatures. There are old men who still remember when herds of buffalo extended for miles in all directions on the western plains, countless thousands of magnificent animals that were completely wiped out as the white man moved across the continent.

Wild pigeons flew north and south across the United States each spring and fall in such numbers that they darkened the skies. Carloads of birds were caught on the nesting grounds and shipped to the market. A few stuffed passenger pigeons in museums are all that we have left. A few buffalo in zoos and parks.

The cheapest food for man is fish and one of the very best. Half a century ago the supply of fish along our coasts and in the Great Lakes seemed absolutely unlimited.

Today, a great many of our most valuable commercial fish are almost gone. The Great Lakes are nearly empty of whitefish. The salmon of the Pacific Coast are in grave danger.

Civilized man has committed many crimes against the earth and the waters that feed him. Let us look at some of these crimes.

Lakes and marshlands support many kinds of life that is valuable to man, including fur-bearing animals, game fish, wildfowl and a host of interesting species that add greatly to the attraction of the out-of-doors.

Drainage schemes in many parts of the country have changed lakes and marshes into sun-baked flats. Sometimes fire has started in the dry bogs and burned for months until all the fertile soil was gone. Sometimes the dried lakes and marshes have blown away.

So the fight goes on. But think what happens when the National Wildlife Federation takes a hand. It can bring to the desk of a congressman not merely a few desperate letters and telegrams, "please Cloutier Lumber Co. coal to bridge."

People in the state where the park is situated are pretty mad. They write letters, they call on congressmen. But, as is always the case, men who see the opportunity to make a lot of money don't quit without a struggle.

They see no reason why people who want to fish and camp and take pictures should stand in their way. To them, the wilderness is simply raw material to be turned into cash.

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but thousands and thousands of appeals. Back Up Demands. I said appeals, but when thousands of citizens speak they do not have to say "Please" in quite the tone of voice that a few of us have to use when we ask for our rights.

They say, "Hold on there, Mr. Man-in-Office. Your first duty is not to a few men who want to make money. Your duty is to all of us, to America. Protect OUR interests, or when election time comes around, there will be bad news for you."

That is what the General Wildlife Federation can do. That is why it needs our active support.

National Wildlife Restoration Week, March 29 to 26, is to rally EVERYBODY in America to Wildlife Federation.

There will be various ways of raising money for restoration activities during Wildlife Week, and all the money that comes in from local activities will be kept in the states where it is raised.

Money for the support of the National Wildlife Federation is being raised by the sale of poster stamps drawn by Jay N. (Ding) Darling, famous cartoonist, former chief of the Bureau of Biological Survey and president of the National Wildlife Federation. There are eight bird portraits and eight mammals, together with a miniature of the prize-winning poster "Where's Now?" drawn by Ralph C. Barker, Jr., 22 years old.

Many organizations will be selling stamps for Wildlife Week, a penny a stamp, sheets of one hundred for a dollar. The money from the stamps will be divided between the organizations selling them and the Federation. Stamp sales give everyone in the United States an opportunity to do his part, either by buying or selling stamps.

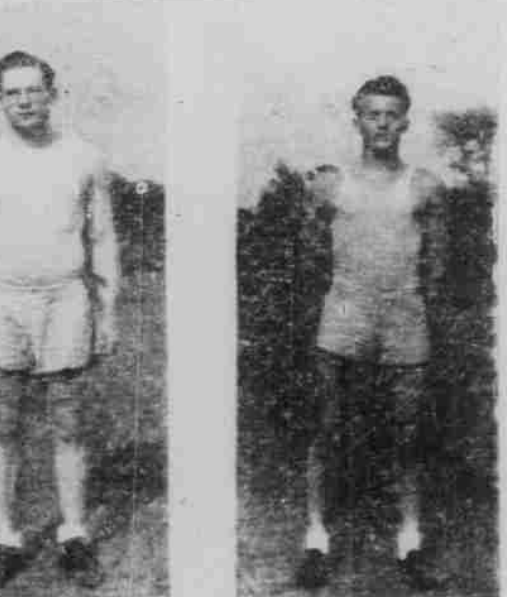
In Plattsmouth these stamps are being sold at the Wraga Hardware, Bestor & Swatek Co., A. L. Todd, Cass County chairman of Wildlife Federation, The Cass County Sportsmen's Club will also sell the stamps and the Plattsmouth Garden Club will be asked to participate.

W. A. BECKER HOME From Friday's Daily— W. A. Becker was able last evening to be brought home from the Clarkson hospital, his arm being placed in a cast and he is now recuperating at the family home here. It is possible that he may later have to have the arm operated on, but at present he will be at the home here.

VETERAN REPORTER ILL LINCOLN, March 12 (UP)—John M. Thompson, 73, state capitol reporter for the Lincoln Journal since 1891 is seriously ill at a hospital here.

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Platters On Track Team



ADAM PORTER COTNER

Three former P. H. S. athletes are expected to play a prominent part in the coming track season at Tarkio College. They are: Capt. Geo. Adam, Stuart Porter and Don Cotner. Wayne Falk, freshman is also a member of the squad.

These three veterans are among eight letter-winners and thirty candidates who are reporting for the Owl cinder squad. Tarkio won the conference championship in 1934 and 1936 and was runner-up last spring. Missouri sports writers hope the Owl team to win the title again in May.

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